

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1079
By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Boyd D. Fulton for his honorable and astute service as a pioneer in promoting organ and tissue donation.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Boyd D. Fulton is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a cousin of the Honorable Richard Fulton, former Mayor of Nashville and former U.S. Congressman for Tennessee's Fifth District, Boyd Fulton is indeed a man of many friends, acquaintances, and contacts; and

WHEREAS, when Mayor Fulton ran for Governor, Boyd played an important part in his campaign; Mayor Fulton has stated that Boyd is known and loved by so many people he feels, in retrospect, that Boyd should have been the Fulton running for Governor, and Mayor Fulton further believes that if Boyd had been the gubernatorial candidate, he would have been duly elected; and

WHEREAS, a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community, Mr. Fulton has generously donated innumerable hours and substantial funds in promoting and facilitating organ and tissue donation and increasing public awareness of these important programs; and

WHEREAS, his inspiring motto, "touching hearts, saving lives" speaks volumes about Mr. Fulton's life of purpose and commitment to promoting and facilitating organ and tissue donation, especially as a member of Rotary International; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Mr. Fulton created the district Rotary organ tissue donor program, Share Your Life; in 1997, he led the effort to merge all Rotary organ and tissue donor programs,

and in 1998, Share Your Life - Give Of Your Self was formed to consolidate projects in five districts; and

WHEREAS, today, he chairs a 12-person committee of Rotarians and organ tissue procurement leaders; he has provided visionary leadership to the committee in achieving its objective of instituting a program throughout Rotary that creates awareness and executes action steps that result in a significant decrease in lives lost due to a lack of donors; and

WHEREAS, a knowledgeable and adroit participant in the legislative process, Mr. Fulton played a vital role this year in the General Assembly's passing Senate Bill 2963, sponsored by Senator Cooper, that creates an electronic organ and tissue donor registry; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his exemplary efforts in service of organ and tissue donation as a Rotarian, he is a loyal and proficient member of the Rotary Club of Green Hills in Nashville, and served as its charter president from 1988-90; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable gentleman has served three Rotary Governors as Extension Chair, and during his illustrious tenure in that post, seven Rotary clubs were chartered; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fulton served District 6760 of Middle Tennessee and West Tennessee with distinction as Governor in 1995-96, and during that banner year, three additional Rotary clubs were chartered; and

WHEREAS, educated at the University of Tennessee and a proud veteran of the U. S. Army, Mr. Fulton joined the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in 1962, and served as its State Brokerage Director; an active force in professional associations, he chartered new clubs in the National Association of Life Underwriters and the General Agent and Managers Association; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who appreciates the responsibilities of citizenship, he donates his time and resources to several worthy causes and organizations; he is past club charter president, State Vice-President, and International Senator in the Jaycees, and he chaired the first fundraising campaign for Vanderbilt Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Boyd Fulton's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, he is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Boyd Fulton is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Joyce, and their five children, five grandchildren, and precious great-grandson; and

WHEREAS, the Fultons express their devout faith as members of Brentwood United Methodist Church, where they are actively involved in volunteer work; and

WHEREAS, Boyd Fulton is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Boyd D. Fulton for saving numerous lives through his tireless promotion and deft facilitation of organ and tissue donation as a Rotarian and a Tennessean.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we salute Mr. Fulton's unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.